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# ON TO NATIONALS

By **Miranda Webb**  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Utah State University hosted the NCAA Mountain Region Cross Country Championships for the first time in over 20 years — and junior Dillon Maggard made the most of it. Utah State will send Maggard to nationals, as he individually placed eighth with a time of 31:02 for the men's 10 Kilometer race. Born and raised in Kirkland, Washington, Maggard has been running for the past four years of his life. Being a junior on USU's cross-country team has allowed Maggard experience in Mountain West Championships in his previous years, with this tournament's finish being his highest placement yet. His peers didn't hesitate to give Maggard a good rep. "I think Dillon Maggard should be able to qualify individually," said teammate Brody Smith, before Maggard's performance Friday. "Dillon Maggard finished up in the top 15, top 20 for sure," said Colby Wilson, another one of Maggard's teammates. Seeing a teammate individually place is rewarding for the rest of the team. Many of the athletes at the meet went out of their way to be supportive of one another. "Your boys take care of you," said one runner competing for Colorado State. Maggard shows sportsmanship to opposing teams' racers with open arms and a willingness to chat, often patting others on the back in ad-

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PHOTOS BY **Katie Hale**  
Junior Dillon Maggard is the seventh USU distance runner to qualify for nationals since 2000. He will be competing on Saturday in Terre Haute, Indiana.

# The pride of Aggie Village

## First openly gay couple moves into USU married student housing

By **Bobbee Russell**  
NEWS WRITER

When Andrew and Jed Romriell moved to Aggie Village in May, they were informed by their Resident Assistant that they are

the first openly gay couple to live there. Andrew said he worried about how people were going to react when he moved into Aggie Village. "I'm always worried how people are going to react, especially since we are the

first ones," Andrew said. He said it can be intimidating to meet new people and move to new places. "There's a saying: you never stop coming out," he said. "With every new person you meet, class that you go to to, every new place you move to, you come out again and again."

Richard Workman, family and single area coordinator of USU Housing and Residence Life, confirmed the fact. Students who live in Aggie Village are required to have a marriage license, children or both. On June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that gay couples are allowed to marry. In accordance with that national ruling, USU Housing has said all couples with marriage licenses are able to live in Aggie Village. "I think it's cool that [people of] USU are open and accepting — not many schools in Utah are," said Sydney Rodee, a senior in business administration who lives in Aggie Village. "I don't think it's shocking or a surprise." Romriell said he's enjoyed living at Aggie Village. "People have been incredible," he said. "We have neighbors that stop and say hi all the time. Our RA is incredible. She definitely made us feel welcome from the very first day." Steve Jenson, senior executive director of Housing and Residence Life, said USU strives to treat same-sex couples the same as other married couples.

"We want everyone to feel welcomed and accepted in our housing areas," he said in an email. Romriell said USU housing has treated them well. "They treated us just like anybody else; it didn't phase them at all," he said. "It's been a wonderful place to live and a very safe place where it could easily not be. I feel very safe here." Upon hearing the news of the first gay couple on campus, Daniel Sykes, a sophomore anthropology major and part of the LGBT community said, "It made me a little nervous because married housing is generally dense with an LDS population." Sykes was concerned about the culture because participating in a same sex relationship is frowned upon by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Romriell said other places in Utah they have lived have been welcoming as well. They lived in Murray, which Romriell called an "open-minded place." When the couple was looking for other places in Logan, they would tour the facility, and the management wouldn't contact them afterward. Romriell wonders if the management wanted to rent the house out to other people or if they were discriminating. Sykes said that Utah State housing "took a step forward."

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PHOTO COURTESY OF **Andrew and Jed Romriell**



# USU POLICE BLOTTER

**NOVEMBER 4**

- USU Police responded to the Engineering Building on a report of an injured pheasant near the bicycle rack. Police were unable to find the pheasant. No other action needed.

**NOVEMBER 5**

- USU Police responded to one of the housing units on a report that someone had put a severed jack rabbit head in the freezer in the common area of the living quarters. Officers removed the head from the freezer. Complainant then stated that another rabbit head was discovered in another freezer on a different floor of the housing unit. Officers located the freezer and the 2nd rabbit head.

The heads were removed and placed into a plastic bag and placed into a dumpster.

**NOVEMBER 8**

- USU Police responded to a call of a possbile deer carcass in the dumpster at the Skaggs Building. Police found inside the dumpster, several black trash bags, one partially ripped open showing a rib cage of a deer or elk. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources was left a message for follow up. No other action needed.

- USU Police responded to a suspicious odor at the Fine Arts Building. Upon arrival, police learned the odor was coming from a pump

truck that was pumping out the drains from the ceramics area. The odor cleared up shortly after the pump truck was through.

**NOVEMBER 9**

- USU Police & Electronics responded to a fire alarm at the Nutrition and Food Sciences building on USU Campus. Police determined it was an oven that was overheating and the lab workers opened the door to cool it down, causing the heat and steam to activate the fire alarm system.

- USU Police were asked to give a short presentation to a group of children at the Early Childhood Education Building. The subject was

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**435-797-1939**  
for non-emergencies.

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

what police do. Color book and other items were passed out after the presentation. No other action needed.

**NOVEMBER 10**

- USU police was dispatched to a traffic accident on 1200 east near the Fine Arts Center. Officers arrived in the area and to locate the accident . This was reported third party and complainant was no longer on scene. No further action taken.

- USU Police received a call from a mother who has a daughter going to Utah State University who stated her daughter is being harassed by her roommates.



## Interim provost selected

**By Alison Berg**  
STAFF WRITER

Executive senior vice provost Larry Smith will serve as university provost until a search committee finishes its nationwide search to permanently fill the position.

On Oct. 26, current Provost Noelle Cockett was named president of Utah State University — she will be sworn in in January.

A search committee composed of multiple employees will be formed in January. It will be headed by Joe Ward, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The executive vice president and provost act as academic officers. They are primarily responsible for overseeing the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Natural Resources, the College of Engineering, the College of the Arts, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the School of Business.

In a university press release, Smith said, “I will devote myself to keeping the academic enterprise at USU running strong and help the colleges, departments and faculty continue positive momentum, promote student success and assist President Cockett in moving her agenda forward.”

Since 2003, Smith has held several administrative roles, including dean of the School of Graduate Studies and different roles in the provost office.

Smith has an academic background in physiology and cell science. He spent years doing post-doctoral work at universities in the east, and in 1989 he began a career at Idaho State University, where he was the founding director of the Molecular Research Core Facility.

During his time at USU, Smith worked with the provost in multiple responsibilities, including chair of the university Educational Policies Committee and leading the New Faculty Tenure Academy.

“We will conduct a national search to look for the candidate who best matches our mission, our core principles and our long term aspirations as a major research university and as a Utah’s land grant institution,” Cockett said in a university press release.

The search committee is expected to be formed in February and will conduct interviews in September.

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## USUSA hosts food drive for SNAC shortage

**By Shanie Howard**  
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

Utah State University’s Student Association is holding a competition from Oct. 24 through Nov. 18 to help raise donations for the Student Nutrition and Access Center.

This year SNAC has seen a huge increase in the number of students using its donation-funded food pantry. As a result of the increase SNAC has had to limit the amount of food it gives to each student who comes to the pantry.

In the past SNAC has received most of its donations from the Cache Valley food pantry, as well as collecting leftover food from the USU Dining Services, but that hasn’t been enough to meet the pantry’s growing demand.

“We have people lining up before we open but we are almost wiped out after 20 minutes,” said Hannah Nickerson, a director of SNAC.

When student body president Ashley Waddoups discovered the food shortage, she immediately began working with her cabinet director, Carly Thornhill, to find a way to get SNAC the resources they needed.



PHOTOS BY **Cassie Gilliam**

Students can fill one bag of food at the student nutrition access center in the TSC. USUSA is hosting a canned food drive to supply the high demand at the SNAC.

“We think, as students, we don’t have the money to make a difference,” Waddoups said. “If everyone can just bring one can that will make a huge difference.”

The competition is designed to have different

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## Outrage and fear fuel continuing anti-Trump protests

**By Terrence Petty**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Spurred by fear and outrage, protesters around the country rallied and marched Friday as they have done daily since Donald Trump’s presidential election victory.

The spirited demonstrations on college campuses and along downtown streets were mostly peaceful following previous outbreaks of window-smashing and fire-setting.

Organizers said several thousand people gathered on Boston Common to publicly object to the election of Trump. The evening event was billed as a rally for love and peace rather than a protest.

Hundreds of people attended another “love rally” in Washington Square Park in Manhattan.

Leslie Holmes, 65, a website developer from Wilton, Connecticut, took an hour-long train ride to the demonstration — her first protest since the 1970s, when she hit the streets of San Francisco to oppose the Vietnam War.

She described herself as an armchair liberal but declared, “I’m not going to be armchair anymore.”

“I don’t want to live in a country where my friends aren’t included, and my friends are fearful, and my children are going to grow up in a world that’s frightening, and my granddaughters can look forward to being excluded from jobs and politics and fulfilling their potential, so I’m here for them,” she said.

In Tennessee, Vanderbilt University students sang civil rights songs and marched through campus across a Nashville street, temporarily blocking traffic.

In Chicago, multiple groups planned protests through Saturday.



PHOTOS BY **AP Photo Loyd Fox (The Baltimore Sun via AP)**

Anti-Trump protesters march from the Washington Monument to Inner Harbor Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, in Baltimore. Scattered protests around the country continue to follow the unexpected election of Donald Trump as president, with hundreds marching in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Grand Rapids, Mich.

“I have a leader I fear for the first time in my life,” said Nagel, a Bernie Sanders supporter who voted for Hillary Clinton.

“It’s not that we’re sore losers,” she said. “It’s that we are genuinely upset, angry, terrified that a platform based off of racism, xenophobia and homophobia has become so powerful and now has complete control of our representation.”

Demonstrations also were planned Saturday in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and other areas.

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cabinets of USUSA compete to bring in the greatest food donation. They are not only allowed to ask for canned food donations from members of their cabinet, but also for donations from students.

Thornhill hopes that by having USUSA officers asking for donations, the quality of the donations will be better than a usual food drive.

“We are focusing on getting canned food, and not just the typical canned food that you give to the canned food drive that you find in the back of the pantry,” Thornhill said. “These are students that are eating this; they aren’t just people that we don’t know.”

The president’s cabinet is in the lead, but Matthew Clewett, vice president of the student advocate’s cabinet, is confident his cabinet is going to win the competition.

“The president’s cabinet may be in the lead now, but we still have some tricks up our sleeve,” Clewett said.

Thornhill hopes that even after Nov. 18 students will still donate to the pantry.

“You don’t just need this food drive to donate,” Thornhill said, “You can donate any time.”

Waddoups echoed Thornhill’s statement, adding that it is during the next few months especially that students will need to use the pantry the most.

“During the holiday months that’s when students start needing the food the most,” Waddoups said.

The two directors of SNAC, Hannah Nickerson and Hannah Elliott, only recently found out about the food drive. They were not only excited to find out that the pantry would be receiving more donations, but also were impressed to see how USUSA was bring students closer together.

“It’s students helping students,” Elliott said. “That is what helps build our Aggie family.”

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Previous demonstrations drew thousands of people in New York, Los Angeles and other large urban centers. The largely peaceful protests were overshadowed by sporadic episodes of vandalism, violence and street-blocking.

On Thursday night, some marchers in Portland, Oregon lit firecrackers, set small fires and used rocks and baseball bats to break the glass of businesses and cars parked at dealerships. Police used pepper spray and flash-bang devices to force people to disperse and made more than two dozen arrests.

A protest organizer decried the vandalism and said the group planned to help clean up.

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SLSTUDENT LIFE

MEET YOUR SENATOR

Quinney College of Natural Resources: Molly Van Engelenhoven

By Isabel Forinash  
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

Native Utahn and avid wearer of bold shades of lipstick, Molly Van Engelenhoven celebrated with her family of student senators in their connected, domestic-style office as they cheered the recent job promotion of a fellow senator.

Engelenhoven beamed with pride as she genuinely appreciated the moment, aware that it was made possible only through her position as student senator for the Quinney College of Natural Resources.

Sitting cross-legged with a Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup in hand, Engelenhoven made such a stereotypically formal interaction very comfortable and chill.

Before being elected as student senator for the QCNR, Engelenhoven had been heavily involved in her chosen field and major. Engelenhoven started out as a minor in political science, but after some deliberation and a push in the right direction from friends and mentors, she switched to a double major in environmental studies and political science with a minor in geographic information systems.

“It was a good decision because I would have graduated after 3 years and I wasn’t ready for that,” Engelenhoven said.

Engelenhoven’s best friend and former senator for QCNR Patrick Adams was the number one thing that made her try for the senator position in her last year at USU.

“I was recently pretty shy and I didn’t think I had the personality for this kind of thing,” Engelenhoven said. “A lot of it was Patrick’s influence and just the fact that he believed in me.”

During the election process for student senators last spring semester, Engelenhoven ran completely unopposed for her position. Before,

during and even after the whole application and otherwise non-competitive election process, Engelenhoven said she still felt out of place.

“When they first called us all up on that stage I felt horribly under-qualified. I thought, ‘I don’t know anybody here. I’m never going to fit in with this group of people and I don’t know what the heck I’m doing,’” Engelenhoven said. “This group of people is an important part of my life now, so that’s exciting.”

Engelenhoven said the senator is pretty central to the inner community of each college and she wanted to make sure to be a part of that this year.

“The community is really important to me and I wanted to be a leader in that community,” Engelenhoven said. “It’s been very influential in making me who I am, so I wanted to be able to do that for other people.”

The QCNR is small compared to other colleges at the university because it only has about 500 students. This characteristic is one of the things that initially drew Engelenhoven to the college and has been a main reason she has grown to love it.

“We all know each other and it’s really nice to just walk into the atrium area where everybody hangs out in the college and just see a bunch of people I know,” Engelenhoven said, “It’s a very welcoming and accepting environment that I really love.”

Engelenhoven has lived all 21 years of her life in Utah, however she has traveled across the United States and has even lived in Amman, Jordan for a study abroad program to learn Arabic through the political science department.

“I’ve been to most of the national parks in southern Utah. I’ve been to Acadia and all over the east coast. I go to Boston a lot because my sister lives there and I’ve been all up and down



PHOTO BY Megan Albrechtsen  
Molly Van Engelenhoven talks about how she came to be the newest senator for the Quinney College of Natural Resources.

California and Oregon,” Engelenhoven said.

Along with her position as student senator, Engelenhoven is also passionately involved in USU Student Media’s Aggie Radio scene.

She listens to almost every genre from alternative to metal to punk rock and she supports her musical icons every chance she gets at weekly concerts and music festivals.

Since she grew up in Cottonwood Heights, Engelenhoven has developed a love for hiking and skiing. Her favorite spots include Alta, Brighton and the many hikes that Logan Canyon has to offer.

She also dabbles in watercolor painting and sketching. Just recently, Engelenhoven sold one of her own watercolor pieces to a friend.

Other hidden talents of Engelenhoven’s include a Dr. Pepper addiction and a knack to imitate any accent you ask her to, including fellow senator Jace Goodwin’s favorite, an uncanny Scottish accent.

“I’m really just a quirky person in general,” Engelenhoven said.

Engelenhoven’s unconventional personality intermixed with those of every other student in the senator’s offices has created a lasting experience for her.

“This experience has been really wonderful. I was not expecting to fit in or qualify,” Engelenhoven said. “It’s like my family, I know that sounds stupid, but we’re all really close now.”

After graduating next semester, Engelenhoven plans on going to graduate school in either Washington D.C., southern New Hampshire or California to get a master’s degree in counterterrorism.

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FLANNEL FRIDAYS

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By Shelby Stoor  
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Every season seems to hold a new fashion trend. In the fall, these fashion trends include boots, scarves, sweaters and more often than not — flannel.

Student on campus on Fridays for the past month may have noticed an overwhelming amount of people wearing their best flannels. “Flannel Fridays” have been a tradition across the nation for many years, but there is a new twist put on this fall fashion trend at Utah State University.

Three young men on campus recently came up with the idea to make “Flannel Fridays” a new tradition at USU that will allow single students identify each other easily on campus. The idea is wearing a flannel every Friday can help single students find a potential suitor.

Mike Starrett, Cody Argyle and Parker Webber were inspired to start this new trend by other universities that have similar traditions.

“My roommates and I were talking about other schools traditions for meeting people,” Starrett said. “We decided that USU should have a tradition of our own to let people know they’re single.”

And so the Flannel Friday USU Instagram page was born.

Since creating the page Oct 4, the trio has gained around 250 followers and are steadily gaining more. In the first day alone, they had over 100 people follow them.

“We were stunned at how fast we passed the one and two hundred followers mark on Instagram,” Webber said, “and how many people we didn’t even know personally started wearing the flannels. I personally thought it was just going to be a fun thing that we and a few of our close friends did for a while and it would kind of just die off.”

Starrett believes that there are a lot of reasons that this new tradition can help students out at USU.

“It will create opportunities to start conversa-

tions with people that you may not have had the opportunity to talk with otherwise,” he said.

Many students have participated in the first few Flannel Fridays. Starrett, Webber and Argyle are hoping that it will become a much larger trend as the school year continues.

Argyle wants the students at USU to know that this is something they created just for students to have fun.

“It’s not meant to be like Tinder,” he said. “It’s just something to do on campus that would help you meet and make new friends. Even if you aren’t single, it’s still fun to have an organized dress day every week like Flannel Friday. Just think of how awesome it would be if in a few years freshmen were told, ‘on Fridays, we wear flannel.’”

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TWEETS of the WEEK

@NadirTekarli  
\*walks into kitchen\*  
Grandpa: “Welcome to Trumpistan.”

@paulerland  
Yesterday I lost \$3, today it was \$20, Guess my back pockets are not reliable. Another reason why I don’t like carrying cash. #AggieStrife

@TheNotoriousTKB  
Made awkward eye contact while naked in the locker room with my flight professor today mid changing. How's your week been?

@EmilyyOrr  
I FOUND A QUIZLET WITH ALL OF THE ANSWERS TO MY ONLINE EXAM AND GOD IS GOOD.





PHOTOGRAPHER

SPOTLIGHT

“

Utah State ROTC cadets perform in a 24 hour tribute on the Quad in honor of prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action in the morning hours

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— Matt Halton  
Statesman  
Photographer

STRINGS AND THINGS

USU guitar program among best in the nation

**By Michael Burnham**  
STUDENT LIFE STAFF WRITER

One of the nation’s top guitar programs held a concert at the Performance Hall on campus Tuesday evening to a crowd of little more than 100 people.

The semi-annual Utah State Guitar Ensembles concert, under Director of Guitar Studies Corey Christiansen, put on a show featuring three student ensembles playing a variety of tunes.

Last year, Matt Warnock from Jazz Guitar Online listed USU’s guitar studies program as one of the top 25 programs in the U.S. alongside legendary programs at Indiana, North Texas, Berkley and the New School. However the quality of USU’s program is nothing new, even if recognition of its caliber has been slow.

“I’m really proud of what’s going on here,”

Christiansen said. “As far as the intermountain west goes, the proof is in the students. Forget about me.”

Though he wouldn’t tell you so, a lot of the prestige of USU’s program comes from Christiansen, who has enough experience and esteem in professional guitar circles to be playing or teaching just about anywhere. Just last week Christiansen played at the Velvet Note, a jazz club in Atlanta, Georgia where names like Christian McBride, Gretchen Parlato and Wycliffe Gordon have played.

Guitar student Ivan Gygi said the years Christiansen spent as a professional musician is one of the things that makes Christiansen a great teacher.

“He can explain things so simply,” Gygi said. “And it’s great to see he has real life experience.”

Tall, casual and boyish, Christiansen’s congenial temperament almost betrays the status of his musicianship. Christiansen was born in Cache Valley and received his undergraduate degree in guitar studies under the tutelage of Mike Christiansen, his father, before leaving to get a master’s degree from the University of South Florida, where he studied with Jack Petersen.

Christiansen said studying with Petersen for two years was life changing. Petersen taught Christiansen from his 40 years of experience and told Christiansen to take what he learned and pass it on.

“I took that seriously,” Christiansen said. “Now my stu-

dents get to learn on some pretty good inherent knowledge.”

Christiansen later moved to St. Louis, Missouri and became the Senior Editor of Mel Bay publishing. It was there where he made

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# Freshmen running wild

Aggie cross-country team boasts one of conference's most promising young duos



PHOTO BY **Katie Hale**  
The Mountain West Cross Country Regional meet was held on November 11, 2016 at Utah State University. Utah State placed in the top 15 for both races. Kashley Carter won 15th place on the women's side, having completed the 6K with 20:28. Dillon Maggard won eighth place for Utah State with a time of 31:02 for the men's team, good enough to earn a trip to nationals.

**By Miranda Webb**  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

“I wanted to do something where I’m constantly going. No stopping.”

This is what freshman cross-country runner Luke Beattie said on his decision to join the cross country program at Utah State University. Beattie is particularly passionate about the outdoors. His desire to come to Utah State went far beyond the scholarly opportunities.

“One thing that brought me here was the outdoors,” Beattie said. “I wanted to go somewhere where there are mountains.”

Beattie’s active agenda consists not only of running.

“In my free time, I like hiking, and I’ve also gone snowboarding and cross country skiing” Beattie said. “I do random sports here and there with my friends”

His interest in sports has brought him to try

new things, but Beattie’s love for an active lifestyle doesn’t stop there.

“I’m studying recreation resource management” Beattie said. After discovering Utah State offered his major, Beattie was excited to be a part of the Aggie family.

During his senior year of high school, Beattie competed in the state cross-country championships, but his most recent accomplishment came this year. Beattie was awarded the Mountain West Freshman of the Year on the men’s side. However, Beattie does not hold this title to himself.

“He should’ve gotten the award with me” Beattie said, referring to his teammate, Darren Harman.

Harman, also a freshman on Utah State’s cross-country team, has been titled champion a number of times in both high school and state events. Harman was especially outstanding in high school, where he earned himself

the position of a 12-time letterwinner.

“It’s nice to see that It went to a teammate” Harman said in regard to Beattie winning conference Freshman of the Year.

Assistant Head Coach, Artie Gulden was especially impressed by the freshmen’s performances thus far.

“Luke won freshman of the year. The only reason Darren didn’t win freshman of the year was because his teammate won. So we had the two best freshman in the conference. Which is really good” Gulden said.

“What I primarily look at when recruiting is their improvement curve, If they improved throughout high school then it’s promising that they will improve in college too” Gulden said.

It was no question that Beattie and Harmon would be promising athletes for years to come. The duo’s decision to join Utah State rested on a number of factors. For Harman,

who is majoring in business, religion and his major played a large role in his decision-making process.

“I knew I would end up in Utah for school because I am LDS and I wanted the environment,” Harman said.

“In terms of picking them for the program, It’s just the process of recruiting,” Gulden said. “I use the analogy it’s almost like the process of dating before marriage, you figure out if they would be a good fit for Utah State, so we decided that It would be good to have them on the team”.

The decision has proved a positive one for everyone.

“They work hard and they try to be great athletes and they’re also good people too, as well as good students” Gulden said.

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miration.

“I’ve raced Jonah Koech, he’s from UTEP and I’ve raced Jarrell Mock from Colorado State... and he’s in our conference, so we were kind of duking it out in the last 1K,” Maggard said. “It’s kind of a tight-knit community here.”

Before competing in regionals, runners physi-

cally condition and mentally prepare themselves. Maggard shared some of his mental preparation techniques before a big race.

“Day-of I like to listen to some music and try to get a good night’s sleep,” Maggard said. “But weeks before, just trying to stay consistent is what prepared me for this. I was just trying to stay relaxed and just stay calm, focus on my form and stay in the top group. Being really patient was kind of my plan until the last 1K, then

that’s when I was going to try to move.”

Maggard’s plan paid off, as this will be his first time competing at nationals. He will be the seventh Aggie distance runner to compete at nationals since 2000.

“It’s a dream come true,” said Maggard. “It feels good and this is what I’ve been training my whole life for. Today we went out really slow and the first mile everyone was just talking to each other, so it was super slow. I waited un-

til about a loop to go and then everyone started to roll. That played into my strength because I’m more of a miler, so that played to my strengths.”

The NCAA Cross Country National Championships, hosted by Indiana State, will take place in Terre Haute, Indiana on Saturday.

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BASKETBALL

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# Aggies make opening statement

## Utah State women's basketball dominates Westminster 72-49 in season opener

By Sean Coghlan  
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

In its first game of the 2016-17 campaign, the Utah State women's basketball team defeated the visiting Westminster College Griffins 72-49 in a game that never saw the Aggies trailing.

This was the third straight season the Aggies have hosted the Griffins — both previous games in Logan, both victories for Utah State. The Aggies are coming off a 14-17 season, which saw them finish ranked seventh in the Mountain West conference.

The scoring began 14 seconds in, as sophomore guard Rachel Brewster knocked down a jumper. Brewster would go on to total 11 points, four rebounds, adding three steals in 21 minutes of playing time.

“It started with our defense in the first half,” Brewster said. “We just wanted it more, and I think that’s what started it for us.”

The Aggies came running out of the gates, outscoring the Griffins 24-14 in the first quarter on 10-for-17 shooting, including three 3-pointers. Westminster would have a decent first half shooting (41.7 percent), but would stumble in the second quarter, going 2-for-10 on field goal attempts and 0-for-2 from the free throw line.

The first half was a defensive showcase for the Aggies, with several players adding to the effort. Senior forward Antoina Robinson would have the only block of the game for Utah State, and freshman guard Eliza West would gather three of her team-leading four steals in the first 20 minutes of play.

“Our game plan is to get ahead — we’re a fast team,” West said. “I love running, and if I can push the ball, that’s only going to do good.”

The Aggies scored 10 of their 16 fast break points in the first half.

Utah State would go into halftime leading 39-19, out-rebounding its opponent 23-13, having half the number of turnovers as the

Griffins (6-12).

For head coach Jerry Finkbeiner, the focus was on three key stats — gathering offensive rebounds, shooting more free throws than their opponents, and a better assist-to-turnover ratio.

“Unfortunately, the 26 [offensive rebounds] didn’t result in more points,” Finkbeiner said. “But we had 19 assists to 12 turnovers, and I think that’s just as important.”

The second half would be a slowing of pace for the Aggies, as Utah State scored twice as many points in the paint than they did on a fast break, while adding four points from second chance opportunities. For Brewster, her night of scoring was finished; but for an ensemble of both front and back court players, it was a chance to pad the lead.

Freshman forward Shannon Dufficy tallied nine points and seven rebounds in the second half, as well as adding two steals to her previous one from the first half. Olivia West, a freshman guard with no relation to teammate Eliza West, added seven points in the final 20 minutes, along with freshman forward/guard/wildcard Hailey Bassett adding six rebounds to the Aggie total.

At the end of regulation, the Aggies would stuff the stats — 49 rebounds, including 26 offensive, 16 steals, and a stellar positive assist-turnover ratio. Utah State did out-foul Westminster, but managed to shoot a better percentage from the free throw line.

Looking ahead, Finkbeiner had high praises for upcoming opponent Montana State.

“This may be the best team coming into the Spectrum, this first part of the year,” said Finkbeiner. The coach alluded to their experienced roster, as well as being reigning regular-season Big Sky conference champions during the previous year.

Utah State will host the Bobcats on Monday at 8:15 p.m. at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum.

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PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene  
Rachel Brewster led the Aggies with 11 points and four rebounds in USU's home opener. The Aggies beat Westminster College 72-49.

# Utah State hockey celebrates Veterans Day



PHOTOS BY Ryan Ball  
Utah State hockey beat Texas A&M 7-3 Friday. USU out-shot Texas A&M 56-28 in the contest.





# Reaffirming our commitment to civility

On Friday, the USU Office of the President and the Access and Diversity Center each sent out emails to students and staff of the university asking for greater tolerance, acceptance and civility on our campus and in our community. We agree with the sentiments expressed and have decided to publish the messages, with minor edits for length, in this issue for all to read.

**The Office of the President**

Dear Students,

Please join me in reaffirming our commitment to civility in our conversations, our actions and on our social media channels. We are a diverse, inclusive and supportive community that encourages freedom of expression. Even when we disagree, as an educational community, we learn best through open and respectful discourse.

We’ve heard that some in our campus community feel uneasy in the wake of national rhetoric following the elections. We are committed to providing students, staff and faculty a learning environment and workplace free of harassment and discrimination.

For your information, we offer many resources to ensure that goal is met:

If you feel threatened, please report it to the Student Conduct Office or university police. Reach out to them by calling 425-797-3137 or report an incident on their website.

The Access and Diversity Center provides opportunities to gather, connect and support each other. They can be reached at 435-797-1728 or in Taggart Student Center rm. 315.

If you need confidential counseling, please contact the Counseling and Psychological Services program at 435-797-1012 or in Taggart Student Center rm. 306.

Utah State has a long history of encouraging and welcoming open and respectful dialogue among people from all backgrounds and cultures. Please join with me as we continue that honorable tradition.

— President Stan L. Albrecht

**Diversity and Access Center**

Some members of our campus community are feeling uneasy and concerned for their well-being in the wake of the recent rhetoric that targeted several populations including, Muslims, people of color, people with disabilities, women, immigrants, and survivors of sexual assault. Feelings of disbelief, anxiety, and grief are real.

This is a time to dig deep to support our fellow Aggies and to hold one another with abiding respect. We must continue to move forward. There will be difficult conversations. There will be differing viewpoints. We must find a way to move forward together, united by our commitment to inclusivity, equality, and compassion. The staff at the Access and Diversity Center are

here to help. Our office is open and available to gather, to connect, and to support.

If you have experienced an incidence of bias, discrimination, or harassment, there are resources available.

The Access and Diversity Center supports the academic and personal needs of our students, including students whose life experiences, backgrounds, or identities may not have bestowed privileges.

We are here for you. We will move forward together.

— Michelle Bogdan-Holt is the director of the Access and Diversity Center.



## What Have We Done?

“A tattered flag drifted in the dirty breeze as the last caravan of buses left for the internment camps. President Donald Trump was now in his second term...”

Those were to be the opening lines of a dystopian novel I was writing, but, in winning the

election, Donald Trump has proven that his reality has the potential to be stranger than my fiction, effectively destroying my literary ambitions. I guess I should be a historian instead.

One narrative that comes out of this election is that Donald Trump was always underestimat-

ed. Beginning with the Republican primary, no one thought he had a chance. He was more like a caricature of an authoritarian dictator than a legitimate candidate for president. No serious person could take him seriously. Now the words “President Trump” are surreal, somewhat horrifying, and completely disgraceful.

Trump speaks fluent xenophobia. He attacked the family of a fallen soldier because of their religion. He brags about sexually assaulting women. He is vulgarity personified, and he is our president-elect.

It is entirely possible that the racism and anger were all an act, put on by Donald Trump the showman to win the election. His campaign claims Trump will now begin to act more presidential. Perhaps he will. It’s not an excuse to have voted for him.

People on my Facebook news feed, some of whom claim to dislike Trump, are informing me that it is time to accept the result and move forward. Many of them express a cautious optimism about a Trump presidency, but this well-intentioned optimism is misguided. I strongly believe in the importance of healing the division in our nation, but it cannot happen

under the banner of accepting Donald Trump as president. There is too much about him that is simply unacceptable. I’m not contesting the results of the election; Trump clearly won. I’m no longer arguing that Hillary Clinton would be a better president; that is entirely irrelevant now. But to think Donald Trump will somehow be able to unite us is naïve. His campaign thrived on division and hatred. There is no positive spin to this story.

There are legitimate frustrations in this country, and many people believe the government is failing them. Trump gave voice to this anger, but that is no justification for electing him. That such a reprehensible individual was able to gain enough support to win the presidency is a moral failure on our part. It remains to be seen if we will be successful in uniting our country, not under the leadership of Donald Trump, but in spite of him.

—Landon Graham is a junior at Utah State University. He grew up in Cody, Wyoming, and now lives in Kansas City, Missouri with his family when he is not in Logan. He is an English major, and is also pursuing studies in classical and jazz piano.

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many of the connections that have shaped his professional career. Christiansen now continues his father’s legacy, having taken charge of the guitar program after his father retired, but the legacy isn’t his main goal. His goal is to help his students learn faster than he did.

“You want to see them be successful, but that doesn’t mean they need to do what you do,” he said. “What I hope is that I can teach them how to recognize something that is excellent.”

Christiansen said he believes studying music teaches students valuable skills applicable to all aspects of life.

“If you’ve had music at a high level in your

life, you take criticism better, you work with groups better, you work by yourself better; you can set all these goals for yourself because you’ve done something hard.”

Hunter Bergman, another of Christiansen’s students, said Christiansen gives him and the other students the right combination of challenges and freedom.

“Corey gives us great opportunities, stuff that will make us grow. And you can tell that he actually cares about the development of each student.”

While the guitar program at USU continues to grow, the jazz department still often finds itself strapped for a depth of players on every instrument. The jazz faculty at USU annually

visit high schools in Utah to recruit future students, but despite the quality of programs and teachers, Gygi said he still wishes USU had more players.

“I think the guitar program is fine. If I could say anything about the music program I’d say we need more drummers and bass players that could kick my butt.”

He said the quality of a program not only has to do with the teachers, but with the fellow student musicians.

“Even if Indiana doesn’t have as good of a teacher as Corey, they just have so many other killing players on drums and bass and saxophone that playing with them makes you a better guitar player too,” he said.

Christiansen has seen the effects of people not knowing the quality of the jazz programs at USU. Over the past few years he held a concert series at WhySound in downtown Logan, and brought in jazz musicians from all over the country.

“I thought, ‘I think these guys need to hear me play at a high level,’” he said. “I was trying to bring in guys at a very high level of jazz playing. I wanted them to see that you have to hustle. You have to create gigs.”

Christiansen hasn’t continued the concert series this year due to low attendance, but hopes that Logan, with its beautiful setting and quality of musicians, in the future, will play host to more concert series and even perhaps a festival.

This last year, two of Christiansen’s students left Utah to pursue masters programs in Indiana and California and another won the Outstanding Soloist award at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February.

For Gygi, the lack of players in Logan doesn’t rob from the experience of having Christiansen as a teacher. He said his lessons always leave him inspired to practice more, even if they get distracted sometimes.

“It’s funny because we both get sidetracked,” he said laughing. “Like one lesson, we started watching plane jets flying.”

Christiansen said he hopes his students walk away from their lessons with more than just musical skills — he wants them to walk away with empathy.

“I want them to have some kind of understanding, and music teaches that,” he said. “Hard things teach you to be a good person.”



PHOTO BY Chantelle McCall

Electric Guitar Ensemble 1 enthusiastically played “Above It All” and “My Mama Told Me So” for their audience. They each player got their own solo in the show.

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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

<b>Better Notes, Better Grades</b> TSC 315A Free, 10:30 a.m.	<b>International Education Week</b> USU TSC Free, 5 p.m.	<b>The Summit: Manhattan Transfer and Take 6</b> The Ellen Eccles Theatre \$33-\$52, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Flick N Float: Finding Dory in the HPER Pool</b> USU — HPER Pool Free, 8:30 p.m.
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## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

<b>A Million Thanks Service Project</b> TSC Lounges Free, 11:30 a.m.	<b>International Education Week</b> USU TSC Free, 3 p.m.	<b>Box Elder Toastmasters</b> Bluebird Restaurant Free, 7 p.m.	<b>Big Bands</b> Morgan Theatre \$10-\$5, free for students, 7:30 p.m.
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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

<b>Semester of Service Abroad</b> Pizza Pie Cafe Free, 5 p.m.	<b>CEHS Networking Night</b> USU Alumni House Free, 7 p.m.	<b>Lights On! Alliance for Youth</b> Ridgeline High School Free, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Transform: Student-curated exhibit</b> Merrill-Cazier Library Free, All day
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